

Abingdon Community Council Meeting
September 28, 2013

There were 6 members (C. David Copenhagen, Cynthia Hergenbahn, Carlin Cook, Earl Grey, Gregory Beaty, Joan Hamilton) and 12 guests in attendance including: Lidia Brennan (Aid to County Councilman Dion Guthrie), Andrew Tress (Aid to County Councilman Billy Boniface), Capt. Jon Krass (Harford County Sheriff's Office), Andrew Nau (Recruitment and Retention Coordinator Abingdon Fire Company), Sharon Lipford (Deputy Director Harford County Government Community Services)

The next meeting will be November 25, 2013 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library.

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- Not in Attendance: County Councilman Joe Woods or his Aid; Mary Ann Lisanti or her Aid, Dion Guthrie
- Sharon Lipford: Deputy Director Harford County Government Community Services
 - She furnished a handout listing the various offices under the Department of Community Services and highlighting the services provided. It also included contact information for the offices.
 - Ms. Lipford announced 2 upcoming events (handouts for each were provided).
 - **Cultural Literacy Fair:** Saturday, November 23 from 10am to 2pm at Barns & Noble in Bel Air – STEM Activities, Arts & Crafts from around the world, Games from around the world, Student Performances, **\$1,000 prize to school with highest attendance at Fair.**
 - **Community Conversation Speaker Series – 2013: Human Trafficking: How It Impacts Our Community;** Wednesday, November 20 from 6:30 – 7:30pm at Veronica “Roni” Chenoweth Activity Center.
 - She announced that she looked into running special Link buses to William Paca/Old Post Schools on special occasions. She said that cannot be done because they are not allowed to run transportation outside their regular routes. She did suggest that the school look into filing for a grant to help with this transportation issue. She offered 2 possibilities: Grant in Aid and The Women’s Giving Circle.
 - Community Services does accept and have a need for donated assistive equipment (wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, etc.)
 - Looking for volunteers, especially for the holidays. Contact Tiffany Robinson at Community Development.
- Captain Jon Krass: Harford County Sheriff’s Representative (handout of Crime Analysis for Sectors 30 & 40)
 - There has been an increase in thefts from autos in the Abingdon and Edgewood areas. These are mostly due to vehicles being left unlocked. Thefts usually include electronics and money.
 - As a result of several meetings with Emmorton School parents, the Sheriff’s Office is in the process of hiring 3 more crossing guards. The speed limit in the area of the school MAY be reduced from 35mph to 25mph. There are concerns about parents making U Turns in the middle of Tollgate. Follow up meeting will be held near the end of November.
 - In Sector 30 there has been a rise in burglaries from 2 in 2012 to 8 in 2013 in the month of September, and an increase of crashes of 117%. Sector 40 had little change during the same time period.
- County Council Updates:
 - Andrew Tress (Aid to County Councilman Billy Boniface): Working to improve Palmer State Park in Dublin. Wants to include horse trails, walking trails, and water activities
- New Business/Announcements:
 - Earl Grey (ACC Member) had a handout of a matrix he developed showing projects the Council has/is addressing.
 - Friends of the Abingdon Library is looking for volunteers for packing books for sale in January. Contact the library for more information.
 - Abingdon Library now has a 3D printer that was obtained through a grant. At this time there is no charge for its use. More training will be available in November. Watch for notices.
- Southern County Magazine, a quarterly magazine, is on Facebook.
 - **Notice of Community Input Meeting:** Target @ Constant Friendship Business Park – Target wants to create an outparcel in the northern portion of their existing parking lot to be marketed to tenants complementary in use to Target. Meeting at Ramada Conference Center at 1700 Van Bibber Rd on Thursday, November 14 from 6:00-8:00pm.
 - **Notice of Community Input Meeting:** Riverwoods at Tollgate – concept site plan for a multi-use project in the Constant Friendship Business Park at lot 3 address 404 Arundel Court. Project to consist of 58,00 sf. Climate

Controlled Storage Facility , 72 unit housing for Elderly mid-rise building, 84 unit Garden Apartments, and 4,000 sf. Community Building. Meeting at Abingdon Public Library at 2510 Tollgate Rd on November 21 starting at 6:30pm.

- Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver